THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (d) The information is being collected.

Construction of yeleru reservoir in East Godavari, Andhra Pradesh

1852. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposals are pending with Government for construction of Yeleru Reservoir in East Godavari in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, since how long it is pending and the reasons therefor; and

(c) how many clarifications are further sought from the State, the details thereof and at what stage it is pending?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c) The Yeleru Reservoir Project (Phase-I) estimated to cost Rs. 222.93 crores was received in Central Water Commission in September, 1986. Over all review of the project was made in November, 1987. It was seen that the project was not economically viable both for Phase-I as well as for its final phase. The project was also not having clearance from Environment and Forest angles. The project was, therefore, considered unacceptable by Central Water Commission for further processing and the State Government was informed accordingly.

Further, the Andhra Pradesh Government has been requested in May, 1989 to allocate share cost of the project between irrigation and water supply to Vishakhapatnam steel plant as suggested by Central Water Commission and obtain concurrence of Ministry of Steel and Mines for the same.

Now, the State Government is required to take following actions:—

(i) Prepare updated estimate as suggestedffi

(ii) Obtain environmental clearance;

(iii) Modify and revise agreement for water supply to Vishakhapatnam Steel Plant so as to make the overall project viable.

In the meantime, hydrological details received from the State Government as a basic requirement have been accepted by the Central Water Commission for examination.

Construction of Vamsadhara Project, Andhra Pradesh

1853. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for construction of Vamsadhara Project-Stage II in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, at what stage the proposal is pending;

(c) how many times further clarifications are sought from the State Government; and

(d) what are the proposals and the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Vamsadhara Project Stage-II was considered by the Advisory Committee at its meeting held on 25-10-1988. Before this, in order to get the techno-economic viability established, the Andhra Pradesh Government was required to comply with about 42 clarifications sought by the Central Water Commission. The Advisory Committee, however, deferred consideration of the project till the State Government obtains clearance from environmental and forest angles. Formal concurrence of the Government of Orissa is also required for taking up works in Orissa territory. As the project affects Scheduled Tribe population, the rehabilitation and resettlement plans are to be vetted by the Ministry of Welfare.